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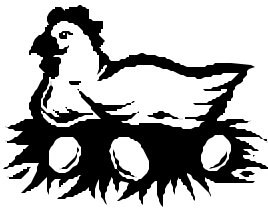
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Early week prices were unchanged to slightly higher in the Midwest and were higher for all sizes in Philadelphia and Florida. Prices in all areas were unchanged during the week. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged from light to very good, mostly moderate to good, with retail features and Easter sales providing the best interest. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices started out lower on Monday but were unchanged for the remainder of the week. Offerings continue adequate for needs with demand mostly quiet and bids for additional heavy nest runs trending lower. Floor stocks were balanced and most breakers worked on previously committed orders. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl offerings were fully sufficient for normal slaughter needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	90-92	87-90	73-76
Philadelphia	88-90	86-88	72-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	81-82	79.5-81	64-65
Jackson (1)	89-90	88-89	73-74
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-101	85-99	69-83
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	77-82	76-81	61-66
Detroit (2)	74-77	73-76	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	75-81	74-79	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	78-85	76-83	61-68
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	116	109	99

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-01
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	90.01	87.64	73.64
SOUTHERN	87.15	85.82	70.02
MIDWEST	78.10	76.87	61.65
WESTERN	108.53	103.55	92.56
TWELVE METRO AREAS	93.66	90.67	77.35

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-03-01	03-27-01	04-04-00
Large	56-58	56-58	43-45
Medium	40-42	40-42	27-29

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 02,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	27.0	8.7	16.4	13.3	77.2
	Change	2.1	4.8	0.2	2.6	0.8	16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	39.9	52.7	11.7	35.5	27.4	167.2
	Change	4.3	7.5	-0.2	3.7	3.1	12%
Large	Curr Wk	66.9	184.1	79.4	101.6	151.4	583.4
	Change	-4.1	31.0	-8.4	11.5	24.4	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	36.3	14.8	22.7	21.6	110.1
	Change	1.3	6.5	-0.9	2.0	1.9	11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	7.4	2.0	8.4	6.2	28.9
	Change	0.0	0.9	0.5	1.4	-0.4	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	10.1	20.7	5.2	10.6	3.9	50.5
	Change	1.2	1.4	1.6	-1.7	-0.6	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.0	47.0	26.7	29.5	33.7	172.9
	Change	-1.3	-4.9	2.9	-10.0	0.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	184.3	375.2	148.5	224.7	257.5	1190.2
Percent	Change	2%	14%	-3%	4%	13%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,190.2	8%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.2	-6%	38

Total Shell Egg 1,442.4 5% 208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 31-Mar-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,064,154	24,258	10,868	5,829	1,620	3,872
PW	1,064,832	24,556	10,848	5,434	1,676	3,939
LY	1,111,188	26,487	10,284	5,529	2,255	4,144
% PW	0	-1	0	7	-3	-2
% LY	-4	-8	6	5	-28	-7
2001	14,146,090	320,423	144,145	78,132	31,148	51,477
2000	14,685,558	331,179	147,572	80,689	38,441	49,034

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 42.12 42.05 41.80

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 31-Mar-01
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.9	-5 0
E.N. CENTRAL	538.8	-1 0
W.N. CENTRAL	289.1	2 6
S. ATLANTIC	197.5	-1 -3
S. CENTRAL	84.2	3 10
WEST	214.4	6 6
TOTAL	1,552.9	0 2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Mar 24	Mar 31	Mar 24	Mar 31
	Thousand			
AL	*28,597	29,046	*21,477	22,454
AR	29,443	28,886	24,556	24,415
DE	*3,682	3,670	*4,799	5,276
FL	2,695	2,678	2,364	2,230
GA	*31,851	31,531	*26,262	25,990
MD	8,608	8,624	*5,714	5,377
MS	19,018	18,670	15,954	15,662
NC	18,017	17,948	14,495	14,685
PA	*3,548	3,810	*2,838	2,869
SC	5,051	4,911	4,245	3,797
TX	14,851	14,684	11,778	11,617
VA	6,883	6,686	5,659	5,287
CA, TN, & WV	*11,342	11,327	*10,176	10,142
15 State Total	*183,586	182,471	*150,317	149,801
Previous Year	184,908	184,583	147,502	149,908
Pct. of Prev.	99	99	102	100

*Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-May-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.76 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/29/01-04/04/01

CURRENT LDS 94.75			FUTURE LDS 76.00		TOTAL LDS 170.75		
SE			NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 1	61.00	61.27	61.67	63.43	—	60.60	73.00
GNR W 2	—	61.33	—	—	—	—	13.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	70.33	70.56	58.00	67.00	12.50
GL W LG	—	73.00	60.00	62.00	61.58	66.00	22.25
GL W MD	—	59.00	54.25	55.67	—	—	11.75
GL W SM	25.13	26.13	22.56	24.13	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	32.00	—	33.38	34.82	11.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Mar-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	24.7	24.8	0 -9
BOSTON	4.3	3.5	23 54
CHICAGO	57.3	49.5	16 60
DETROIT	38.6	27.4	41 72
KANSAS CITY	3.7	2.6	42 -5
LOS ANGELES	153.7	125.9	22 74
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	6.9	30 -31
NEW YORK	36.1	36.6	-1 -7
ST. LOUIS	20.5	20.7	-1 23
SAN FRANCISCO	23.7	21.6	10 6
TOTAL	371.6	319.5	16 37
4 WK MVG AVG	331.7		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-2001

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
AVG WT	16.77	34.80	26.82	20.66	26.84
LAST WEEK	1,967	2,805	37	10	4,819
SAME WK YR AGO	5,062(A)		30	51	5,143
AVG WT	24.69(A)		26.97	26.90	24.73
TO-DATE/2001	59,564(A)		484	226	60,274
TO-DATE/2000	59,480(A)		200	467	60,147

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG		
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT-THOUSAND	HEAD-THOUSAND	LIVE WT		
N EAST	848	0	22.59 (A)	854	22.59	
S ATL	790	-9	28.78 (A)	796	28.78	
N CENT	2,118	-2	29.53 (A)	2,125	29.53	
S CENT	634	-1	22.21 (A)	640	22.21	
WEST	324	11	22.73 (A)	330	22.73	
U.S.TOTAL	4,714(B)	-2	26.84	31	4,745	26.84
TO DATE						
2001	60,048(B)		226	60,274		
TO DATE						
2000	59,680(B)		467	60,147		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 31,000 for the year 484,000; last year to date 200,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,228(A)	2,043	1,323	3,366	501
AVG WT	5.02	3.49	7.89	5.22	6.45
LAST WEEK	150,141	1,953	1,396	3,349	506
SAME WK YR AGO	156,244	1,911	1,314	3,225	433
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.69	5.24	6.40
TO-DATE/2001	1,944,690	24,324	16,689	41,013	6,339
TO-DATE/2000	1,998,338	26,292	17,769	44,061	5,887

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.1 million head or 1.6 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-01

	CURRENT WEEK 04/07/01(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/31/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	154,619(2)	154,623
LT HENS	2,056	2,090
HVY HENS	1,543	1,429
TOTAL	158,218	158,142

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Apr-01 is 150.1 million head compared to 155.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.9 million head or 4.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Apr-01 the estimated available is 151.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 24	149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH 3	149.6	151.3	99	5.01
10	154.0	151.3	102	5.18
17	154.8	152.7	101	5.09
24	152.0	152.3	100	5.06
31	152.1	150.5	101	5.02
YEAR TO DATE	1,968.4	1,951.9	101	
APRIL 7		150.1		
14		151.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
02-Apr-01	26-Mar-01	26-Mar-01	03-Apr-00
57.91	-0.29	58.20	54.35

NUMBER OF LOADS 564

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago 50.00-54.00		52.81	43	54.97	79
Los Angeles 67.00		64.81	68	63.30	133
New York 49.00-51.00		50.15	26	53.11	47

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 02-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
AM 1-Mar-01	3,524	103,319	62,929
CHG	353	13,188	-504
PCT CHG	10	13	-1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2001 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2001 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT
TURKENS	373 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.02 PCT
POP	705 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 04/02/01

04/02/01	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-9.5(1)	8-9	8.35
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-11.25(1)	7-9	8.04

03/30/01 LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days.

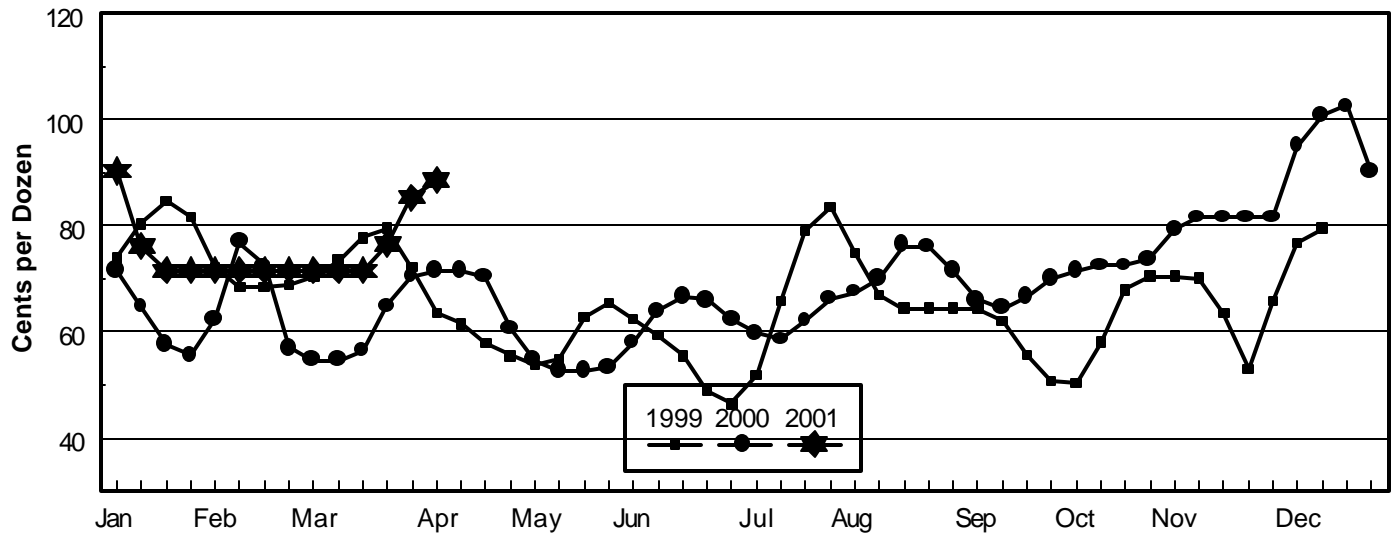
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 (2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

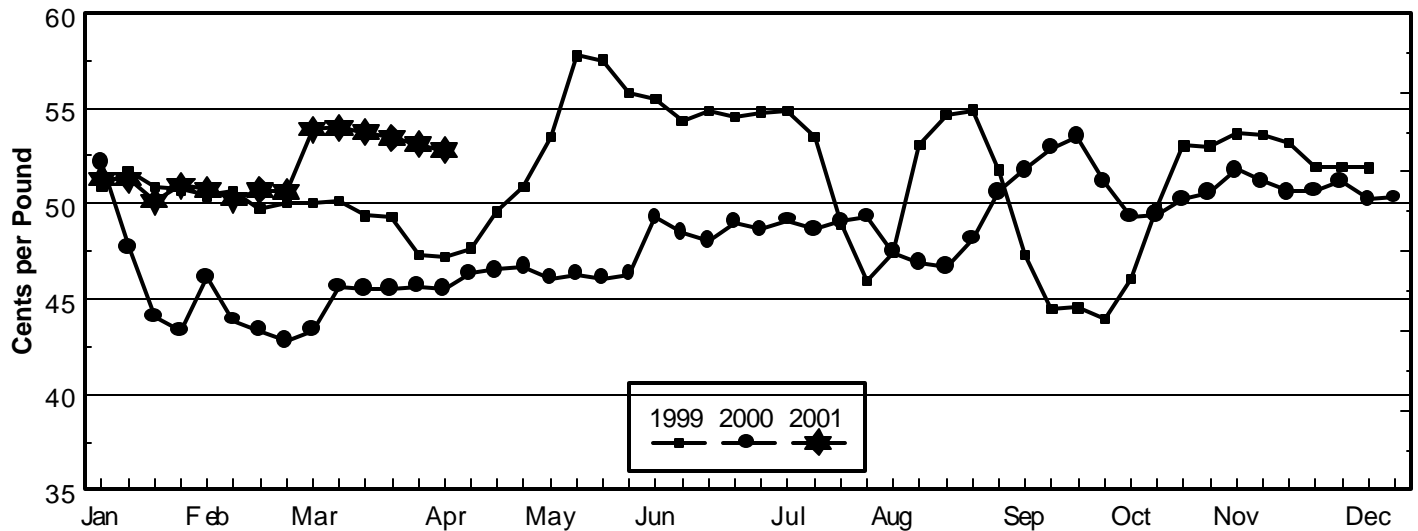
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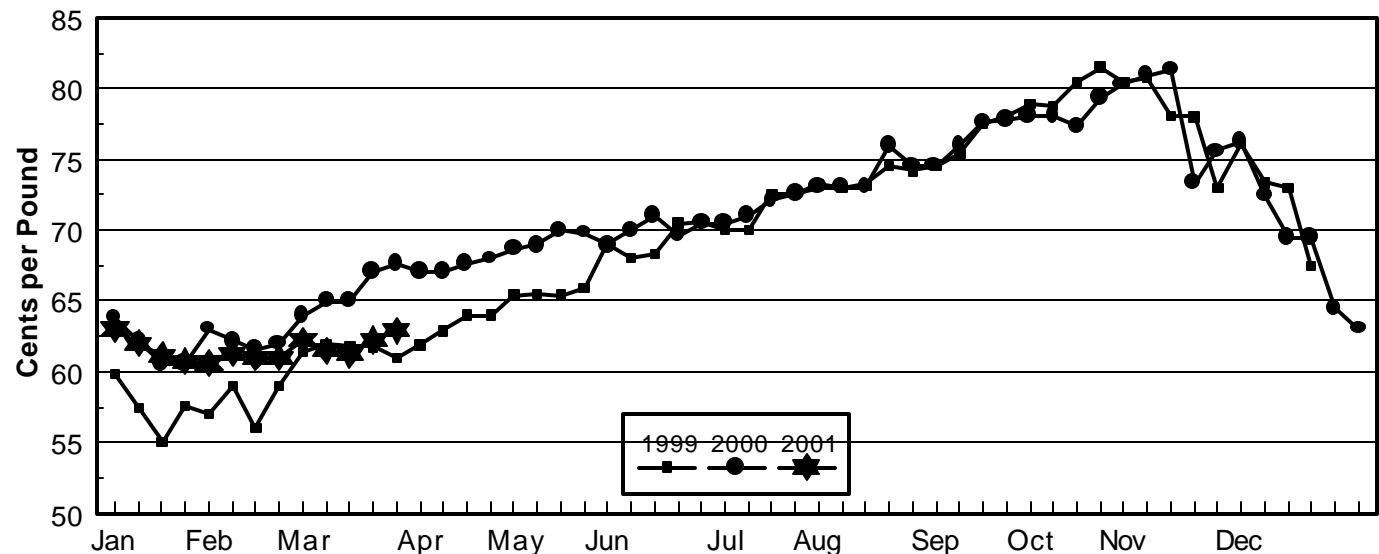
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1999, 2000, 2001



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys 1999, 2000, 2001



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.